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THE CONDITIONS REMAIN ABOUT AS YESTERDAY

Land Report From Paris Continues to Show Well For The Allies--In Furious Bayonet Fight in The Argonne Germans Are Driven Back

Paris, Nov. 6.—The official announcement today says: "There was no perceptible modification during the day of yesterday anywhere on the front. The fighting continued between Dixmude and the Lys with the same characteristics as previously and without any marked advance or retirement at any point. There was violent cannonading to the North of Arras, and also directed upon Arras, without result for the enemy.

"The German effort in Belgium and in the north of France continues. The Germans seem to have undertaken changes in the composition of their forces, which are operating in this region, and are reinforcing their reserve corps with active troops, with the idea of undertaking a new offensive movement, or at least, to mitigate the bloody checks which have been inflicted upon them.

"Between the Somme and the Oise, and between the Oise and the Meuse, there have been minor actions. We have consolidated our advance on the village of Andrey, to the west of Roye. A column of German wagons has been destroyed by the fire of our artillery at long range in the region of Nampcel, to the northeast of the forest of Aiguas.

"Near Berry-au-Bac we have retaken the village of Sapigneul, which had been captured by the Germans.

"There has been a furious fight in the Argonne where, as a result of fighting with the bayonet, our troops drove the Germans back.

"In the Woerwe district attacks by the enemy have been repulsed."

GERMAN LOSS IN SINKING OF THE YORK, 266

Berlin, via Rome, Nov. 6.—Only the scantiest authentic details of the sinking of the German cruiser York are available here. It is definitely announced, however, that the sinking was due to a German mine.

The British announcement warning neutral ships using the entrances to the North Sea, is regarded here merely as a step in the campaign to control neutral shipping which possibly might benefit German industry and is not based on actual danger. It is also stated that the route laid by the British via the channel, on the contrary, is infested with mines, while the southern half of the North Sea bristles with floating mines torn loose from their anchorage.

A report from Wilhelmshaven shows that 266 men are missing from the crew of the York and that 864 members of the crew including the commander and first officer were taken off by another vessel.

Kaiser Wants Guns London, Nov. 6.—A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam says: "A telegram from Berlin announces that the Emperor has promised a reward of 750 marks (about \$198), for each machine gun captured."

Made in Germany Berlin, via London, Nov. 6.—A newspaper of Ansbach, Bavaria, prints a letter from a post in the field, dated October 28, in which the writer mentions attending a dinner on the previous evening to celebrate the return of two aviators who had dropped bombs near Dover, Eng.

Says Prince is not Wounded London, Nov. 6.—According to a Central News despatch from Copenhagen, the German minister there denies that the German crown prince and Prince Albert were either wounded or killed. He says that both are in the best possible health.

The Case at the Front Petrograd, Nov. 6.—Emperor Nicholas has arrived at army headquarters at the front.

An Alleged Interview Berlin, Nov. 6.—The Franfurter Zeitung publishes a despatch from its Constantinople correspondent, who transmits an interview with the Khedive of Egypt. The Khedive expressed himself as indisturbed by the reported British annexation of Egypt. The people of Egypt would soon recognize, he declared, that the situation created by the British could not continue, and the British soon would see that the annexation of the historic and holy territory of Egypt could be of only a temporary character.

Earl of Dalhousie Wounded London, Nov. 6.—The Earl of Dalhousie, thirty-seven years old, has been wounded in the fighting on the continent. He is a lieutenant in the reserve of officers. He saw service in South Africa in 1901-2.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, part, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The barometer is now highest over the Great Lakes and middle states with indications of a disturbance developing in the northwest states. The weather has turned somewhat cooler throughout the dominion, and light snowfalls are reported in the western provinces and Quebec.

Snow. Maritime—Moderate north and north-westerly winds, mostly fair and cooler to-day and on Saturday, a few local snow flurries.

New England Forecasts—Fair tonight and Saturday, moderate northwesterly winds, diminishing.

FAVOR ARMING FIREMEN FOR HOME DEFENCE

Common Council Defers Definite Action For Week

ALL DISCUSS PLAN

The Proposal to Fit Up Bunk For The Dragons—Some Financial and Other Matters of City Interest Gone Into

A proposal, adopted by the firemen of the city to organize in three companies of fifty men each for home defence was presented to the common council at its meeting this morning by the commissioner of public safety. The members of the council expressed their approval, but the matter was laid over for a week for further consideration.

The same action was taken regarding the proposal to grant \$400 or \$500 to fit bunks in the exhibition building for the use of the dragons engaged in the work of the remount department.

J. G. Sperakes applied for the lease of a lot near the west side ferry house as a site for a fruit stand, but this was held over until next week.

The problem arising from the fact that the city has \$2,500 left over from a bond issue for street paving was discussed in the light of the recorder's opinion that it was subject to the order of the council for any purpose desired and permission was given for its use in repaving sidewalks.

The council came to order at eleven o'clock, Mayor Prink presiding, with councilors Wignall, McNeil, Russell and Potts and the common clerk present.

The commissioner of finance and public works reported payments for October amounting to \$125,088.15. He recommended the following payments: Department of finance and public accounts, \$1,810.00; public safety, \$1,700.51; public works, \$1,001.85; water and sewerage, \$1,070.15; H. P. and P. Landis, \$1,422.77. The report was adopted.

Firemen for Home Defence.

The commissioner of public works reported having considered the establishment of an establishment of 150 men for military purposes in home protection and home service, and recommended the purchase of an indoor rifle range for the use of the department.

With reference to the complaint of A. B. McNeil, the commissioner reported that the building law provides that the inspector of the fire department shall inspect the building and if any question arises from the building and the inspector it must be referred to a board of arbitrators.

If the board therefore does not interfere with the law in this matter, it must take the responsibility for so doing.

The commissioner further recommended that the unexpended balance of the fire department appropriations for the remainder of the year be put into one fund to meet the expenditure of whatever part of this service remains the outlay; also the same in regard to the police department.

Com. McLellan said that he thought the city should contribute something towards the public defence and that the firemen were a body of about 150 men readily adapted for the work and anything the city would do for them would not be a burden to the present force.

He advised the purchase of sporting rifles, as military rifles could not be secured, and as these could readily be sold after the war. He had secured quotations on the four principal makes of rifles and thought he could secure their entry duty free. He had been offered the use of suitable rooms for indoor ranges at \$18 a month. The men would devote two nights a week to work—one for rifle and rifle drill, and the other for shooting practice. The use of the ranges at other times by other civilians should make itself apparent.

Ammunition could be supplied up to a certain limit and the men would pay for what additional quantity they wanted. The project would also have the advantage of giving the firemen and salvage corps members a drilling which would be of advantage in their own work, and, if any trouble ever arose as it had in the past, the city would have a trained body of men to assist in enforcing order.

The present plan was voluntary on the part of the men and they would elect their own officers. If the dominion authorities took any steps later to provide for civilian home defence the city would co-operate with them. An expert rifle instructor had offered his services free of charge.

Commissioner Potts asked if the proposal would interfere with the plan of the department of militia. He suggested that the matter might be held up for ten days for consideration and for the advice of the recorder.

Commissioner Russell asked under whose control the men would be. Com. McLellan replied that they would be under control of their own officers. The force would not be a military body, unless called out by the military authorities. They would merely be a civilian rifle club and would not interfere with any other projects.

Com. Russell: It would not interfere with my organizing a rifle brigade. Com. Wignall said that the project appealed to him. He regarded the practice of rifle shooting as invaluable for every citizen, especially at the present time. In addition to this the city could well afford to give the firemen the drilling which they already received in other cities.

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DOVER HEARS THE SOUND OF GUNS

Dover, Eng., Nov. 6—Heavy firing was heard off Dover this morning. It could not be ascertained whether the artillery exchanges were on the Belgian coast or indicated a naval engagement in the North Sea.

Constantinople, Nov. 6.—(Via London)—A Turkish official announcement says that one of the British warships bombarding the Dardanelles was struck by a shot from one of the forts, and an explosion on board resulted.

A British steamer, it is also stated, has been sunk off Aivali, Asia Minor, after the crew and cargo had been put ashore.

Amsterdam, Nov. 6.—From Sofia, Bulgaria, says that Turkish cruisers have successfully bombarded the Russian fortified seaport of Batumi, on the east shore of the Black Sea.

London, Nov. 6.—The Exchange Telegraph Company has given out a despatch from its Liverpool correspondent saying that the Turks have seized the British steamers Asstout and City of Khirt at Smyrna.

SECOND CONTINGENT

Two Brigades of Infantry and Three of Artillery

Fresh Battalions of Infantry to be Recruited in Ontario For Reinforcements, is Announced in Ottawa

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 6.—The detailed composition of the second Canadian contingent, now in course of preparation, has been made public by the department of militia here following complete instructions from the War Office.

Two brigades of infantry will be taken, in conjunction with one surplus brigade now at Salisbury Plains to make up its infantry branch of division.

There will be three brigades of artillery, consisting of nine batteries of eighteen pounders with four guns per battery. London will provide one battery, Toronto two, Kingston one, Montreal one, Maritime Provinces one, Winnipeg one, and Calgary one.

The same mobilization will be proceeded and the training be done with twelve pounders.

A heavy baggage will also be organized in sections from different parts of the country. Each artillery battery will have an establishment of 150 men.

The army supplies will be raised with one company in Montreal, one at Halifax, one at Victoria and one at Winnipeg. The strength per company will be eighty-three men.

In the case of the Medical Service Corps, companies will be organized at Toronto, one at Montreal, and another at Winnipeg, Victoria and Calgary, in the proportion of a section each.

Two field companies of engineers, each comprising 220 men, are to be recruited in Ontario and Quebec.

Recruiting, however, will be instituted at all the different centres of such men as are obtainable.

The organization of cyclists will be enlisted generally throughout the dominion. A section will be attached to each infantry brigade.

A signal company will also be raised, and probably be attached to the division.

In addition there will be a number of administrative units, including lines of communication, a divisional ammunition park supply column, reserve park for wagon, field butchery and bakery, railway supply detachments, and other units.

These will be drawn from all parts of the dominion.

Though only eight battalions of infantry are being sent with the second division, fresh battalions of infantry will be raised in the dominion right away.

These comprising about 9,000 men and officers, will be used to make up the reinforcements which the department contemplates sending, on the basis of seventy per cent of total force sent.

The eight battalions which are going are Kingston one, French Canadian one, Montreal one, Maritime Provinces one, London one, Toronto one, Manitoba and Saskatchewan one, British Columbia one.

The seven left to form the basis of a third Canadian army list—Toronto one, Montreal one, Winnipeg one, Calgary one, Quebec one, Halifax one, Victoria one, Montreal one.

COW WAS RESCUED.

About three o'clock this morning a violent splashing in the river at Inlandtown attracted the attention of Frank Leonard, watchman on the ferry Steamer E. Ross. On investigating he found that a cow was struggling in the water trying to get ashore. With considerable difficulty he rescued the animal. It had probably fallen off one of the river steamers.

ALL RIGHT BY TOMORROW

The steamer Elaine, Captain Weston, met with a slight accident at Capman yesterday morning and did not reach the city until eleven o'clock last night. She is now in Market slip for repairs. Captain Weston said this morning that the boat would be ready in time to make her regular trip tomorrow. He said that in spite of the break he made regular stops coming down and brought down a good cargo of freight.

WONDERFUL MARCH BY RUSSIANS

London, Nov. 6.—A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says: "The newspapers here proudly comment on a wonderful thirty hours march in the Caucasus by a Russian column of all three arms over mountain passes covered with snow. The Russian front extends over 100 miles.

"The first important fighting is expected near Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, where the Turks are concentrating.

GERMAN RIGHT SMASHED LIKE FALLEN WINE GLASS

Disastrous Defeat at the Yser—Estimates of 30,000 to 50,000 as Enemy's Losses—Kaiser Directing the Effort to Reach Calais

London, Nov. 6.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail in the North of France, under date of November 5, describes the relief felt in Dunkirk, Calais, and the neighboring towns and villages at the retreat of the Germans, which he declares, amounts to nothing less than a rout. He says:

"The German right is smashed like a fallen wine glass. Guns, stores, rifles and even the wounded, were abandoned in the rush from this fatal battlefield. The chance of the Germans was well on the wane when the flooding of their positions came as a climax of the disaster.

"There is now left no more than a handful of the German force which met its fate at the Yser. Thirty thousand Germans, say the Belgians, have been put out of the light on this line. Not a single gun remains on this side of the river and the unburied dead, the drowned and the wounded, with the memory of all the trains of wounded that left the firing line in recent days, leads one to think that there is no overrating of the enemy's loss. There must be many thousands of prisoners."

TIMES MAN SAYS 50,000

London, Nov. 6.—The correspondent of the Times in Pas de Calais sends the following under Thursday's date:—"I am credibly informed that the German losses in the supreme attack on the British between Ypres and Lille are well over 50,000.

"The fighting is still proceeding, but its fury has spent itself. The Germans were repulsed but it is rather early yet to emphasize suggestions of German demoralization."

London, Nov. 6.—The correspondent of the Daily News in the north of France, under date of Thursday, telegraphs as follows: "The main fighting is now proceeding farther south, around Armentieres, and on the frontier line a few miles east of Nieppe.

"Lille is burning and battered. The allies have been in and out of the city, and our shells set the town alight at the western end. If we cannot bound the enemy out, we must drive him towards Flanders with flame and smoke."

KAISER IS THERE

"It is reported that Emperor William, with his staff, is directing the whirlwind from Tournai, Belgium, with Boulogne and Calais, as the objective via Hazebrouck and St. Omer, where, if the Germans can break through, there is a clear road to the coast. The battle here will not be decided for several days."

London, Nov. 6.—A Reuter despatch from Flushing, Holland, says: "The Germans have issued a new proclamation prohibiting an approach on the water-ways at Bruges.

"Heavy guns have been mounted on the sand dunes along the coast from the North of Ostend, to the Dutch frontier. Trenches have also been dug in the neighborhood of Heyst. Further reinforcements have reached the German fighting line during the present week."

GERMAN LINER IS TAKEN TO BOSTON FROM BAR HARBOR

Bar Harbor, Me. Nov. 6.—The three-months' stay of the interned North German Lloyd line steamer, Kronprinzessin Cecilie ended today, when, conveyed by the U. S. destroyers Terry and Lamson, she started for Boston. The change was made because it was considered that the anchorage here would be dangerous during the winter storms.

New York, Nov. 6.—After lying at anchor for several weeks off Staten Island, the German steamship Barbarossa was today permitted to enter the harbor in Halifax previous to the change of the liner of the entrance to the harbor.

She is expected to arrive in Halifax on Monday. Officials of the liner said that she is being returned because the docks are again clear of other ships.

SAV NO DANGER TO PEOPLE BECAUSE OF CATTLE DISEASE

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Statements assuring the public that foot and mouth disease among live stock in nine states, cannot infect humans through the eating of meat, was issued by officials of Chicago's largest packing companies today.

FOOTBALL

The St. John High School football team will go to Fredericton tomorrow morning to battle with the Fredericton High School team in the last game of the inter-collegiate league. The result of this game will have no bearing on the league standing, as the local boys have safely landed the championship with an unbroken string of victories, while the boys at the capital have been unanimously consigned to the cellar position. The possible line-up of the local team will be—Nixon, fullback; McNulty, McAndrews, Donnelly, Trimbull, halves; Taylor, Somerville, Wells, quarters; Jennings, Holder, Massie, Donnelly, Jones, Robinson and Callahan, forwards; and Gorman and Gillen, spares.

SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arthurs of Acme yesterday, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. In the evening about 125 friends including some from the city, assembled at their home to bestow their best wishes. Many handsome presents of silverware were received. Games and dancing were enjoyed during the evening and the party broke up at a late hour after a pleasant time enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Arthurs were the recipients of many congratulations and best wishes for many happy returns.

HOME FOR INCURABLES

Donations of \$180 were received at the monthly meeting of the Home for incurables last evening to go towards paying for the installation of the electric system. The amounts contributed were as follows: J. S. Gregory, \$100; Dr. Thos. Walker, \$50; H. B. Emerson, \$25 and the Misses Reynolds, \$5. Doctor Walker presided and there was a good attendance of life members. It was said this morning that the work of wiring the institution for electricity was now nearly completed. It is expected that the expense of this improvement will be almost covered by donations from friends of the home.

KICKED BY HORSE

A man named Price missed instant death by a few inches on board the remount steamer Anglo-Columbian this morning, when he received a kick from the blow just below the chest. He was taken to the hospital for treatment but will not be required to stay there for any great length of time.

FIRST WOMAN TO CROSS SUSPENSION BRIDGE

Mrs. Michael Spragg Yesterday Entered Upon Her 97th Year To reach the age of ninety-six years and to be able to read without glasses is "consummation devoutly to be wished" but very seldom accomplished; yet there is a lady in the city today who yesterday started on the ninety-seventh year of her life and is in possession of all her faculties. She is Mrs. Michael Spragg and resides with her only daughter, Mrs. E. J. Carpenter, 406 Main street. She has the distinction of being the first woman to walk across the suspension bridge over the falls.

Mrs. Spragg is wonderfully active for a woman of her years and is able to move about the house with ease. She possesses a robust constitution and is straight and sturdy as many people have her age. Her eyesight and hearing are particularly keen and she spends a great deal of her time sewing. Although she does not leave the house very often, she is planning a visit of two or three weeks to relatives in another part of the city in the near future. She takes a keen interest in the happenings of the day.

This wonderful old lady has, besides her daughter, Mrs. Carpenter, three sons—Charles, Edward and Albert, all residing in Boston. Twenty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren are also living.

Yesterday Mrs. Spragg received many friends who called to extend congratulations and wish her good health for many more years. She was the recipient of several pretty bouquets.

UNITED STATES HAS NOW OFFICIALLY DECLARED AGAINST FRIEDMANN "CURE"

Washington, Nov. 6.—The seat of official disapproval has been placed upon the tuberculosis "cure" brought to this country in 1913 by Dr. Friedman of Berlin. The announcement was made today by the United States public health service. It declares that conclusions of the American physicians are in line with previous reports both in this country and abroad, "which have refuted Dr. Friedman's claims to the discovery of a specific cure for tuberculosis."

W. J. HOWES GOES TO WAR

The Sault Ste. Marie Daily Star publishes the following:—W. J. Howes, who since last January has been assisting Rev. W. Hardy Johnson, M. A., at St. John's church, has enlisted, and will go overseas with the 51st Regiment. Until coming to the Soo Mr. Howes was a student of the Wyckoff College, Toronto, and the many friends he has made since January wish him God speed and a safe return, not only to his home town, St. John, N. B., but to Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Howes is a son of Mrs. Joseph Howes of Sheriff street, North End. About four years ago he acted as a reader in St. Luke's church and will be remembered by many friends.